

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

May 22, 1997

**MINUTES**

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for the regular business meeting in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building, Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, May 22, 1997, with the following members present:

Ms. Michelle Easton, President  
Mrs. Lil Tuttle, Vice President  
Senator J. Brandon Bell  
Mr. Rayford L. Harris, Sr.  
Mrs. Kay Coles James

Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr.  
Senator John W. Russell  
Mrs. Cheri P. Yecke  
Dr. Richard T. La Pointe  
Secretary and Superintendent of  
Public Instruction

Ms. Easton, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

***Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance***

Mrs. Yecke gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of Minutes***

Mrs. Yecke made a motion for approval of the minutes of the April 23-24 meeting. Copies of the minutes have been distributed previously to all members of the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

***Approval of Agenda***

Mrs. Easton announced that there will be a public comment period although it was not included in the agenda. An update on the Standards of Accreditation will be presented during the discussion of current issues.

The motion was made by Mrs. James, seconded by Mr. Harris and carried unanimously for approval of the agenda.

## ***Recognition***

Ms. Easton thanked Dr. Theresa Bailey, Music and Fine Arts Specialist, Department of Education, for making arrangements with music departments from various school divisions throughout the state to perform at board meetings every month.

## ***Highlight on Students***

The Beaverdam Elementary School Chorus (Hanover County) sang for the Board of Education. They were led by Choral Director, Judy Ross. Dr. Stewart D. Roberson, Superintendent of Hanover County Schools and Mr. Richard D. Waldrop, Principal of Beaverdam Elementary School, also accompanied the group to the meeting.

The Board of Education recognized Omar K. Hughes, 7th grader, Binford Middle School, Richmond City Public Schools, for scoring higher than the average college bound 12th grader on the SAT reasoning test during a mathematics and verbal talent search of 7th grade students from around the country. This search was conducted by The Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth sponsored by John Hopkins University.

## ***Consent Agenda***

Mr. Harris made a motion to adopt the following items on the consent agenda.

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund

Loans

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for  
Placement on Waiting List

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yecke and carried unanimously.

## ***Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund***

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the financial report on the status of the Literary Fund as of March 31, 1997, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

## ***Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans***

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of one new application in the amount of \$5,000,000 subject to final approval by the office of the Attorney General was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

COUNTY, CITY, TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Spotsylvania County	Spotsylvania Elementary #14	\$5,000,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,000,000.00

**Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on Waiting List**

The Superintendent's recommendation is that funds be released for 10 projects in the amount of \$21,465,492 was approved by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Frederick County	New Stonewall Elementary	\$5,000,000.00
Franklin County	Callaway Elementary	854,000.00
Franklin County	Rocky Mount Elementary	772,000.00
Franklin County	Lee Waid Elementary	844,000.00
Franklin County	Snow Creek Elementary	210,000.00
Radford City	Belle Heth Elementary	320,650.00
Radford City	McHarg Elementary	464,842.00
King George County	King George Elementary	5,000,000.00
Campbell County	Leesville Road Elementary	5,000,000.00
Frederick County	Senseny Road Elementary	3,000,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$21,465,492.00

**Waiting List**

The Superintendent's recommendation is that funding for one project in the amount of \$5,000,000 be deferred and the project be placed on the First Priority Waiting List.

**First Priority Waiting List**

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COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Spotsylvania County	Spotsylvania Elementary #14	\$5,000,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,000,000.00

### ***Public Comment***

The following person spoke during the public comment period:

Mr. Jerry O'Dell

### ***DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES***

Mrs. Yecke brought to the board members attention an article that appeared in the Richmond Times Dispatch about a conference held at University of Virginia sponsored by the Virginia Institute for Public Policy and the Virginia Association of Scholars. Mrs. Yecke attended the conference and indicated she was very impressed with the presentation given by Dr. Henry Bowers of Virginia Tech.

Dr. La Pointe said that board members would receive a packet of materials including recommendations for changes to the proposed Standards of Accreditation by June 2.

Mrs. Diane Atkinson, Policy Analysis, Department of Education, told the board that 6,684 letters have been received by the Department commenting on proposed changes in public school accreditation standards and that 78% of the letters supported keeping guidance counselors in elementary schools.

Mrs. Tuttle reviewed an article found on the website for American Federation of Teachers. The article was entitled, "Reaching the Next Step." Mrs. Tuttle had copies made previously for board members.

Mr. Harris shared with the board statistical data gathered by the Virginia Vocational Advisory Council and the Virginia Vocational Education Association.

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

#### ***Final Review of Regulations Proposed for Elimination***

Dr. James Laws reviewed the proposed regulations for elimination and said that this would start the APA process for elimination and a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action would be published in the Virginia Register. The Board members discussed the following regulations:

8VAC 20-210-10      Regulations Governing Classification of Expenditures

8VAC 20-280-10	Jointly Owned and Operated Schools and Jointly Operated Programs
8VAC 20-520-10	Reduction of State Aid When the Length of the School Term is Below One Hundred Eighty Days
8VAC 20-190-10	Regulations Governing Textbooks: Fee and Rental Systems - State Aid
8VAC 20-390-10	Division Superintendent of Schools
8VAC 20-200-10	Diploma - High School Completion
8VAC 20-480-10	Pupil Rights and Hearings
8VAC 20-180-10	School Community Programs
8VAC 20-490-10	Local School Boards
8VAC 20-410-10	Allowable Credit for Teaching Experience
8VAC 20-450-10	Training and Professional Development
8VAC 20-260-10	Financial Retention Schedule

Mrs. Tuttle made the motion for the above regulations be approved to begin the initial process of elimination. The motion was seconded by Mrs. James and carried unanimously.

Board members agreed to take the following regulations out of the block of regulations to be eliminated for discussion later:

8VAC 20-170-10	Selection and Utilization of Instructional Materials by Local School Boards
8VAC 20-510-10	Duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Final Review of the Nominations to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)**

Mrs. Tuttle nominated Donna Stevens Smith to serve the two-year unexpired term as the middle school representative effective July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1999. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yecke and carried unanimously.

Mrs. James nominated Brenda Duda to serve a full three-year term as the secondary school representative on ABTEL effective July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and carried unanimously.

**Fifteenth Annual Report from the State Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted**

The Board received the annual report from the State Advisory Committee for the Education of the

Gifted recording its initiatives and achievements during 1996-97 and its work plan for 1997-98.

**Piedmont Regional Education Program Literary Loan Fund Request**

The Board received The Piedmont Regional Education Program proposal for a Ablended composite index@for regional programs. Ms. Easton stated the Board will review the report for the June 26 Board meeting.

**Annual Report from the State Special Education Advisory Committee**

The Board received the annual report from the State Special Education Advisory Committee giving its views on the Virginia Comprehensive State Assessment System, teacher licensure, revision of public school accreditation standards, and other issues that have an impact on educational programs for children with disabilities.

**Report on NAEP 1996 Science Report Card for the Nation and the States**

Ms. Cam Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Reporting at the Department of Education, reported that the 1996 assessment was the first time NAEP examined students= performance in science at the state level. Forty-three states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Department of Defense schools took part in the voluntary state-by-state science assessment. Ms. Harris reported that the average score for Virginia students was 149, compared with that of the nation that was 148. A sample group of 2,552 Virginia eighth graders participated in the NAEP assessment.

**Board Notebooks**

Senator Russell and Mrs. Tuttle said that they preferred Board materials mailed to them without the notebooks.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Easton adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 11:55 a.m.

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